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**In the Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a plurality of web servers, ~~each storing a plurality of web pages and returning selected~~ configured to return first content ~~ones of the plurality of web pages to a plurality of requesting client devices;~~

a central logging server ~~coupled to the plurality of web servers;~~

wherein the returned content ~~each of the plurality of web pages for which centralized logging is desired~~ includes a reference to second content stored on ~~from~~ the central logging server; and

wherein the central logging server logs requests for the first content in response to requests for the second content ~~accesses to the plurality of web servers upon receipt, from the requesting client devices, of a request for the content.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 1, wherein the plurality of web servers, the central logging server, and the plurality of requesting client devices are communicatively coupled together ~~via the Internet.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 1, wherein the reference has embedded therein information identifying the first content ~~usage of the web by a user initiating a request for a web page.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 1, wherein the central logging server ~~further~~ logs information received in ~~a cookies~~ accompanying the requests for the second content.

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2 5. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1, wherein the reference  
3 comprises a Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) tag.

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5 6. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 1, wherein each  
6 of the plurality of web servers further logs information regarding the request for  
7 the first content locally.

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9 7. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 1, wherein the  
10 references ~~comprises a~~ references to one or more ~~a-transparent~~ graphic images.

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12 8. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
13 receiving ~~a-requests~~ for a document first content; and  
14 returning, in response to the requests, the requested first content, wherein  
15 said first content includes ~~document including a~~ reference to second content that  
16 causes information regarding the request for the first content ~~document~~ to be  
17 logged at a remote logging server.

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19 9. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the  
20 references to the second content refer ~~comprises a~~ reference to content stored  
21 from available from the remote logging server.

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1           10.   (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the  
2 ~~second content comprises~~reference comprises a reference to a transparent graphic  
3 image.

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5           11.   (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the  
6 ~~second content comprises~~reference comprises a reference to one or more a graphic  
7 images located at the remote logging server.

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9           12.   (Canceled)

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11          13.   (Canceled)

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13          14.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the reference  
14 comprises a Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) tag.

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16          15.   (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the  
17 second content ~~document~~ comprises a web page.

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19          16.   (Original) One or more computer-readable memories containing a  
20 computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited  
21 in claim 8.

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23          17.   (Canceled)

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19 39. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer readable medium~~ method for  
20 centralized network usage tracking, comprising: having stored thereon a web page,  
21 the web page including portions that, when interpreted by a plurality of  
22 instructions being executed by one or more processors, causes the plurality of  
23 instructions to perform acts including:  
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1 configuring a webpage to include a tracking tag, wherein the tracking tag  
2 comprises information about transmission of the webpage from a server to a client;  
3 transmitting, in response to a request by the client, the webpage including  
4 the tracking tag from the server to the client;

5 rendering the webpage on the client, wherein the rendering comprises  
6 requesting delivery, by a logging server, of content identified by the tracking tag;  
7 and

8 receiving the tracking tag at the logging server and logging the information  
9 included within the tracking tag.

10 indicating to a centralized logging server that a web server hosting the web  
11 page has been accessed.

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13 40. (Currently Amended) ~~A computer readable medium as recited in~~  
14 ~~claim 39, wherein the plurality of instructions comprises a web browser. The~~  
15 method of claim 39, wherein the tracking tag additionally comprises:

16 parameters, comprising identification of the server.  
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18 41. (Currently Amended) ~~A computer readable medium as recited in~~  
19 ~~claim 39, wherein one of the portions includes a reference to content stored on the~~  
20 ~~centralized logging server, and wherein the indicating comprises requesting the~~  
21 ~~content from the centralized logging server.~~

22 The method of claim 39, wherein configuring the webpage to include the  
23 tracking tag comprises:  
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1        locating the tracking tag at the end of the webpage outside of formatting of  
2        the webpage.

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4        42.    (Currently Amended) ~~A computer readable medium as recited in~~  
5        ~~claim 41, wherein the reference includes information regarding what content was~~  
6        ~~being rendered as part of the web page.~~

7        The method of claim 39, wherein logging the information on the tracking  
8        tag is performed by the logging server for tracking tags sent by a plurality of  
9        servers to a plurality of clients.

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11        43.    (Currently Amended) ~~A computer readable medium as recited in~~  
12        ~~claim 41, wherein the reference includes information identifying the web server.~~

13        The method of claim 39, additionally comprising:

14        sending a trivial response from the logging server to the client to minimize  
15        resource expenditures by the client in rendering the response.

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17        44.    (Currently Amended) ~~A computer readable medium as recited in~~  
18        ~~claim 39, wherein one of the portions includes a reference to content stored on~~  
19        ~~another web server. The method of claim 39, wherein the rendering additionally~~  
20        comprises:

21        displaying portions of the webpage;

22        receiving a trivial response from the logging server in response to the  
23        requested delivery; and

24        rendering the trivial response.  
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